

**Whatcom County**  
**Youth & Tobacco Data Summary**  
**8TH GRADE**  
Year 2000

		County %	State %
<b>8th Grade Students Surveyed</b>		100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Gender</b>			
Female		51.0 %	51.9 %
Male		49.0 %	48.1 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Students of Color		20.1 %	28.7 %
White		79.9 %	71.3 %
		<b>County %+/- Margin of Error</b>	<b>State %+/- Margin of Error</b>
<b>Past 30 days, youth who have smoked cigarettes at least once</b>			
Female	n= 624	12.0 %+/- 2.6	14.5 %+/- 1.7
Male	n= 597	10.4 %+/- 2.4	10.3 %+/- 1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>n= 1221</b>	<b>11.2 %+/- 1.8</b>	<b>12.5 %+/- 1.1</b>
<b>Past 30 days, youth who have smoked cigars at least once</b>			
Female	n= 621	3.5 %+/- 1.5	3.0 %+/- 0.8
Male	n= 593	5.7 %+/- 1.9	5.4 %+/- 1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>n= 1214</b>	<b>4.7 %+/- 1.2</b>	<b>4.3 %+/- 0.7</b>
<b>Past 30 days, youth who have smoked tobacco in a pipe at least once</b>			
Female	n= 620	1.9 %+/- 1.1	1.7 %+/- 0.6
Male	n= 590	2.5 %+/- 1.3	2.4 %+/- 0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>n= 1210</b>	<b>2.3 %+/- 0.8</b>	<b>2.1 %+/- 0.5</b>
<b>Past 30 days, youth who have smoked bidis (flavored cigarettes) at least once</b>			
Female	n= 617	2.6 %+/- 1.3	3.4 %+/- 0.8
Male	n= 587	2.4 %+/- 1.2	3.1 %+/- 0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>n= 1204</b>	<b>2.6 %+/- 0.9</b>	<b>3.3 %+/- 0.6</b>
<b>Past 30 days, youth who have used smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff or dip) at least once</b>			
Female	n= 613	0.8 %+/- 0.7	1.4 %+/- 0.6
Male	n= 581	1.9 %+/- 1.1	2.6 %+/- 0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>n= 1194</b>	<b>1.4 %+/- 0.7</b>	<b>2.1 %+/- 0.5</b>
<b>Past 30 days, youth who have used any tobacco product at least once</b>			
Female	n= 613	13.7 %+/- 2.7	15.5 %+/- 1.7
Male	n= 580	13.1 %+/- 2.7	14.0 %+/- 1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>n= 1193</b>	<b>13.5 %+/- 1.9</b>	<b>14.9 %+/- 1.2</b>

Source: Washington State Department of Health  
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Assessment and Evaluation

n = number of survey respondents for county.  
\* = Rate not calculated because number of responses was less than 15.

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<b>About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life?</b>	n= 1202	
None	70.5 %+/- 2.6	64.9 %+/- 1.6
1/2 pack or less	18.7 %+/- 2.2	22.2 %+/- 1.4
1 - 4 packs	5.3 %+/- 1.3	6.3 %+/- 0.9
5 or more packs	5.5 %+/- 1.3	6.6 %+/- 0.8
<b>Do you want to stop using tobacco right now? (among current tobacco users)</b>	n= 152	
Yes	55.3 %+/- 7.9	59.3 %+/- 4.1
<b>Have you ever participated in a program to help you quit using tobacco? (among current tobacco users)</b>	n= 211	
Yes	12.8 %+/- 4.5	7.2 %+/- 2.0
<b>During past 12 months, did you ever try to quit using tobacco? (cigarettes, cigars, or chew/dip)(among current tobacco users)</b>	n= 130	
Yes	55.4 %+/- 8.5	61.2 %+/- 5.2
<b>Do you think you will smoke a cigarette at any time during the next year?</b>	n= 1233	
Definitely no	66.1 %+/- 2.6	60.8 %+/- 1.7
<b>If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?</b>	n= 1232	
Definitely no	67.5 %+/- 2.6	64.0 %+/- 1.6
<b>Susceptibility Index (combination of the previous two questions, either of which receives any answer other than 'Definitely no')</b>	n= 1232	
Susceptible	38.6 %+/- 2.7	43.5 %+/- 1.7
<b>If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it? (from among youth who did not smoke in last 30 days)</b>	n= 1092	
Definitely no	74.9 %+/- 2.6	72.1 %+/- 1.6
<b>Do you think the smoke from other people's cigarettes (second-hand smoke) is harmful to you?</b>	n= 1235	
Definitely yes or Probably yes	92.4 %+/- 1.5	89.0 %+/- 1.0
<b>Do you think it is safe to smoke for only a year or two, as long as you quit after that?</b>	n= 1228	
Definitely no	68.5 %+/- 2.6	69.5 %+/- 1.6

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<b>Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company name or picture on it such as a lighter, t-shirt, hat, or sunglasses?</b>	n= 1234	
Definitely no	47.3 %+/- 2.8	45.5 %+/- 1.7
<b>During last 12 months, did you buy or receive anything that has a tobacco name or picture on it?</b>	n= 1226	
Yes	15.6 %+/- 2.0	16.2 %+/- 1.2
<b>During past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?</b>	n= 856	
3 or more days	26.3 %+/- 2.9	29.7 %+/- 3.1
<b>During past 7 days, on how many days did you ride in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes?</b>	n= 858	
3 or more days	18.8 %+/- 2.6	24.3 %+/- 2.9
<b>During this school year, did you practice ways to say 'NO' to tobacco in any of your classes (for example, by role playing)?</b>	n= 1225	
Yes	54.6 %+/- 2.8	48.6 %+/- 1.7
<b>During past 30 days, have you seen or heard commercials on TV, the Internet, or on the radio about the dangers of cigarette smoking?</b>	n= 1233	
More than once a week	67.8 %+/- 2.6	77.1 %+/- 1.5
<b>How wrong would most adults in your neighborhood think it was for kids your age to smoke cigarettes?</b>	n= 1230	
Very wrong	59.3 %+/- 2.7	57.6 %+/- 1.7
<b>If you wanted to get some tobacco, how easy would it be for you to get some?</b>	n= 1207	
Very hard or Sort of hard	55.8 %+/- 2.8	52.2 %+/- 1.7
<b>Has either of your parents (or guardians) discussed the dangers of tobacco use with you?</b>	n= 1223	
Yes	69.6 %+/- 2.6	71.2 %+/- 1.5
<b>Does anyone who lives with you now smoke cigarettes?</b>	n= 852	
Yes	37.9 %+/- 3.3	38.7 %+/- 3.3